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INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHEME(ICDS)
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) projects made operational so far State-wise, UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has set any target under ICDS projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of programmes undertaken under ICDS during the last five years, year-wise;

(e) whether any medical expert group has been associated for some centres under ICDS programme;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, UT-wise;

(g) whether the Government proposes to increase the salary of ICDS staff; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b)&(c) There are 6284 sanctioned Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) projects as on 31.3.2008. Out of 6118 projects targeted for operationalisation, 6070 ICDS projects became operational as on 31.3.2008. State-wise details are annexed.

(d) The ICDS Scheme is a composite programme for children below 6 years of age and for Pregnant & Lactating women and it has evolved on the strength of various initiatives taken over the years. Some of the initiatives taken during the last five years are as follows:-

(i) Expansion of ICDS to 466 additional Projects and 1.88 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in 2005-2006 and 166 additional projects and 1.07 lakh AWCs in 2006-2007.

(ii) Sharing of 50% cost of supplementary nutrition by Government of India.

(iii) Enhancing of rent of AWCs from 1st September 2005.

(iv) Construction of AWCs in North Eastern States.

(v) Doubling of honoraria in Janury 2003 effective from April, 2002.

(vi) Introduction of Awards for Anganwadi Workers.

(vii) Introduction of Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana from 1.4.2004.

(e)&(f) No, Sir. The Ministry is not aware of any such association.

(g)&(h) The Finance Minister in his Budget Speech of 2008, announced an increase in the honoraria of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) to Rs.1500/- p.m. and that of Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) to Rs.1000/- p.m. Both the AWWs and AWHs, are voluntary/honorary workers under the ICDS Scheme.